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Lincoln Fire & Rescue to Host National EMS Week & Phoenix Award Recognition Ceremony

The week of May 16 -22 is National EMS week to honor those Emergency Medical Services workers who daily devote their efforts to provide emergency responses to those with medical emergencies. This year's theme is *EMS: There When You Need Us*. While nationwide communities are honoring the 750,000 EMS providers with various activities, Lincoln Fire & Rescue and the 911 center will recognize those responsible for saving the lives of 10 local citizens in 2003 with the awarding of "Phoenix Award" certificates. This year, along with the Phoenix Award recipients, Lincoln Fire & Rescue will be honoring the medical preceptors, and there will also be two Medal of Valor awards presented to two LFR Firefighters that were involved in the rescue of a woman and her child from a burning house.

The awards ceremony will be held at Fire Station #1 at 1801 "Q" Street on Tuesday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m. Over 100 certificates will be awarded to the 911 dispatchers who took the calls and the firefighters and paramedics who responded to those EMS calls that resulted in a cardiac arrest "save". A "save" in Lincoln is defined as reviving a patient who is found by EMS without a pulse and not breathing "clinically dead", who is subsequently resuscitated AND who later is released from the hospital.

The mayor, council members, and the medical agencies have been invited to participate in the event. Cookies and refreshments will be available for those attending.

Contact: Assistant Chief Richard Furasek, 441-8354 for more information.